

1 being located only in the first area, the dummy slots being located only in the second area; the screen
2 part being arranged to have a first edge region substantially parallel to an X axis, the first area being
3 symmetrically formed around a first imaginary line parallel to the X axis, the first area being
4 symmetrically formed around a second imaginary line perpendicular to the X axis.

5 [0028] The present invention is more specifically described in the following paragraphs by
6 reference to the drawings attached only by way of example. Other advantages and features will
7 become apparent from the following description and from the claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0029] In the accompanying drawings, which are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, embodiments of the invention are illustrated, which, together with a general description of the invention given above, and the detailed description given below, serve to exemplify the principles of this invention.

[0030] Fig. 1 is an expanded view of principal parts of a tension mask;

[0031] Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a disassembled mask assembly for a cathode ray tube, in accordance with the principles of the present invention;

[0032] Fig. 3 is a plane view of a tension mask according to a first preferred embodiment, in accordance with the principles of the present invention;

[0033] Fig. 4 is a plane view of a tension mask according to a second embodiment, in accordance with the principles of the present invention;

1 [0034] Fig. 5 is a plane view of a tension mask according to a third embodiment, in accordance
2 with the principles of the present invention; and

3 [0035] Fig. 6 is a plane view of a tension mask according to a fourth embodiment, in accordance
4 with the principles of the present invention.

5 **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**

6 [0036] While the present invention will be described more fully hereinafter with reference to the
accompanying drawings, in which preferred embodiments of the present invention are shown, it is
to be understood at the outset of the description which follows that persons of skill in the appropriate
arts may modify the invention here described while still achieving the favorable results of this
invention. Accordingly, the description which follows is to be understood as being a broad, teaching
disclosure directed to persons of skill in the appropriate arts, and not as limiting upon the present
invention.

13 [0037] Illustrative embodiments of the invention are described below. In the interest of clarity,
14 not all features of an actual implementation are described. In the following description, well-known
15 functions or constructions are not described in detail since they would obscure the invention in
16 unnecessary detail. It will be appreciated that in the development of any actual embodiment
17 numerous implementation-specific decisions must be made to achieve the developers' specific goals,
18 such as compliance with system-related and business-related constraints, which will vary from one
19 implementation to another. Moreover, it will be appreciated that such a development effort might